



March 19, 1987

Mr. Russ Diesenbach, Unit Director CERCLA Activities Illinois & Indiana Unit USEPA Region V 230 South Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Birmingham Bolt, Rt. 50 and McKnight Rd., Bourbonnais

TDD No.: F05-8702-168

Dear Mr. Diesenbach:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation of today regarding the contact of our Bourbonnais facility by Cynthia Pugh, an employee of Ecology and Environment, Inc. As I explained to you, and Ms. Pugh, I do not understand the origin, basis, scope and protocol of the survey.

Ms. Pugh sent a copy of the blank form for what she says is part of the survey, but is not sure of other details such as: who will be involved, the full scope of the survey and the "other information needed". Ms. Pugh also does not know the origin of our involvement and why we are involved in the survey.

I have attached a copy of my letter (and its attachments) of today to Mr. Bob Hartian, Freedom of Information Officer for your agency, requesting information on the proposed CERCLA survey of our Bourbonnais facility.

By this letter, I am requesting both you and Ms. Pugh to defer any further planning for the visit until I receive the requested information from Mr. Hartian and have an opportunity to evaluate it.

Coincidentally, I received a letter, dated two days before Ms. Pugh's letter, from Mittelhauser Corporation, about the same subject. I have attached a copy of the letter to both this letter and the letter to Mr. Hartian.

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Is there a connection between Mittelhauser and Ecology and Environment, Inc. and does Ecology and Environment Inc. recommend Mittelhauser? Also, what is your opinion of these two consulting firms?

If there are any questions or problems with my request, please telephone me at (205)871-9290.

Regards,

S.L. Morgan, Manager Environmental Systems

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Attachments

cc: Ms. Cynthia Pugh



March 19, 1987

Mr. Robert Hartian Freedom of Information Officer USEPA Region V Office of Public Affairs 230 Dearborn Street Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Hartian:

I have been contacted by Cynthia Pugh of Ecology and Environment, Inc. regarding a potential CERCLA site inspection of our facility in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Ms. Pugh telephoned me requesting a date for a CERCLA inspection offering very little information about the potential inspection. I requested written explanation prior to the inspection with documented justification for the inspection, which she in part supplied. Ms. Pugh has yet to explain the reason for consideration of our facility by CERCLA, and apparently does not understand the origin of our involvement.

Coincidentally, prior to receiving Ms. Pugh's correspondence, I received a letter from another consulting firm (a copy of which is attached) regarding the same matter. I do not know if there is a connection between the firms and the survey.

I telephoned Mr. Russ Diesenbach, of Region V, and discussed the situation with him. Mr. Diesenbach explained some of the details, but lacked some of the necessary information about the project and our involvement. Mr. Diesenbach suggested your office as the most expedient way to obtain the information I need.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am hereby requesting you to send me all the information regarding our facility involvement in this project and all the information, from whatever source, that resulted in our arriving at this point within the consideration program.

I am enclosing a copy of Ms. Pugh's February 27, 1987, letter and her letter of introduction from USEPA. I have highlighted what are apparently identification numbers to assist you in locating this information.

I will need this information prior to the inspection date suggested by Ms. Pugh, which is the third week in April. You may send the information to me by Federal Express utilizing my Federal Express charge account number which is 0352-1073-3. The replies should be made to me at: #1 Independence Plaza Suite 710, Birmingham, AL 35209.

If there are any costs involved, please telephone me and I will gladly make expedited payment arrangements.

If you require any further information, or have any questions I may be reached at (205) 871-9290.

Regards,

S. L. Morgan, Manager Environmental Systems

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Enclosures

cc: Cynthia Pugh

Mr. Russ Diesenbach USEPA



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February 27, 1987

Mr. Cid Morgan Manager Environmental Systems Birmingham Steel Corp. P. O. Box 1208 Birmingham, Alabama 35201

Re: Site Name: Birmingham Bolt, Rt.50 and McKnight Rd., Bourbonnais

TDD No.: F05-8702-168

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This letter is in response to your recent inquiry requesting additional information concerning our firm. Ecology and Environment, Inc. has been retained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under contract 68-01-7347 for the purpose of evaluating candidate sites for the National Priorities List originally under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), better known as Superfund and presently the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA).

As part of our evaluation, the U.S. EPA has asked us to perform an on-site inspection of the property in question. This is the reason for my request to visit the facility on a future date.

I have attached a copy of the Letter of Introduction provided by the U.S. EPA for Ecology and Environment employees engaged in field investigation work, which outlines the statutory basis for such inspections. Also, attached is a copy of the confidentiality memorandum that all Ecology and Environment employees have signed. So you have a better understanding of the questions we need to ask, I have also attached a copy of the site inspection form.

If you require additional information or if a change in plans is necessary, please do not hesitate to call me. I will be contacting you shortly to discuss arrangements for the site inspection.

Sincerely.

Cynthia Pugh

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